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## Mars Hill sweeps away Tornados

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The Brevard College Tornados were shut out in their second home game of the season against Mars Hill College, 55-0.

The Tornados (0-3) showed early promise with a forced punt on Mars Hill's (2-0) opening drive and an interception on their third.

Mars Hill, however, responded with an 89-yard pass that led to a six-yard rush into the endzone. Mars Hill led 7-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Tyrone Arrington led the way for BC in yards gained, managing 52 of the Tornados 72 total offensive yards. Rashad Neely followed Arrington with 11 yards in three carries.



Tornados fight tough battle against Mars Hill.

photo by John Billingsley

The Tornados played forcefully throughout the game, which resulted in several penalties in the cross-town rivalry.

"I thought at times we were especially aggressive," Coach Bobby Poss said.

The game saw a number of former

local high school teammates taking the gridiron against each other for the first time.

Linebacker Butch Bridges matched up against his friend and former teammate, Bentley Rogers, who plays for Mars Hill. Bridges and Bentley played together at Pisgah High School in Canton.

Losing to Mars Hill gives the Tornados invaluable experience, Poss said. Even through hardship, he says, the Tornados never give up.

"These kids put forth a great effort no matter what the conditions," Poss said.

Mars Hill will square off against defending NCAA Div. I AA national champions Appalachian State University on Saturday, while BC will travel to Newberry College (2-0) to face the Indians at 7:00 p.m.

## Sakai: New online course system greeted openly

by Zack Harding  
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This semester, many professors began using a course website tool known as Sakai to coordinate classroom participation and organize assignments; so far the reception to the program is mostly positive.

Sakai creates a personalized profile and homepage for any student user who signs up—as well as individual classroom pages for courses enrolled in the program.

Functions include file storage, coursework submission capabilities, participant discussion forums, and more. Whenever announcements or assignments are posted on the site, automatic e-mails are sent to the users to keep them updated.

The program is currently in its experimental phase, and is being actively upgraded as its participants discover how to use and improve it. Brevard College, along with many other institutions and universities, accesses the program through the Appalachian College Association's website. So far, BC student opinions regarding Sakai remain affirmative.

"I think it's great," sophomore Amanda Cary said. "It is a really convenient way to access resources from our professors as well as other students in our class. I think sites like this will definitely enhance the future of classroom interaction and learning."

Heather Hutchinson agrees.

"Have you ever taken a test without the anxiety?" Hutchinson said. "If your professors have adopted

Sakai you may get a chance to sit in bed in your pajamas, drink coffee, and take the least stressful exam of your life—all online.

Sakai is an open-source, educational software program created by users and for users as a way to stay in touch with classes. Sakai has already been adopted by hundreds of universities across the world; you can get a glimpse at the list of specific schools by checking out <http://sakaiproject.org>.

Its usage has gone up dramatically in just a few short months.

A number of students have already handed in assignments and taken tests on Sakai through its website, which is effortlessly navigated once you go through the initial process of signing up, students say.

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